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SUBJECT: NORWAY, ESTONIA, TURKEY, LUXEMBOURG, ITALY AND
ICELAND ACCEPT ACCESSION TO NATO OF ALBANIA AND CROATIA

[¶1.](#) (U) Norway, Estonia, Turkey, Italy, Luxembourg and Iceland have formally accepted the accession to NATO of Albania and Croatia by depositing with the U.S. Department of State, their instruments constituting acceptance of the NATO Accession Protocols.

[¶2.](#) (U) Date of deposit: Norway, Estonia, Turkey and Italy: February 20, 2009. Luxembourg: February 23, 2009. Iceland: February 24, 2009.

[¶3.](#) (U) Mission is requested to inform Allies of these acceptances as appropriate.

[¶4.](#) (U) These deposits bring the total to nineteen Allies that have completed the approval process and formally accepted the Protocols (Hungary, Latvia, Slovakia, Lithuania, United States, Bulgaria, Poland, United Kingdom, Canada, Czech Republic, Spain, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Estonia, Turkey, Italy, Luxembourg and Iceland). Washington will inform mission when further formal acceptances occur.

[¶5.](#) (U) Questions related to this procedure can be directed to Dmitry Vovchuk (EUR/RPM) at 202-647-2097 or Francis Holleran (L/T) at (202) 647-3089.

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